

# COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES PLAN FOR NORTHEAST OHIO

Rural Advisory Council  
June 28, 2019



# ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for presentation and discussion.

## PREVIOUS ACTION

NOACA Board of Directors approved Coordinated Plan at June 21, 2019 meeting



# BACKGROUND

- Per the federal program circular, all projects funded by Section 5310 dollars must be:  
*"included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public"*
- Coordinated Plan covers Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina Counties
- Plan will be for calendar years 2019-2022



# BACKGROUND

- **Staff compiled feedback from following sources:**
  - NOACA Transit Council, Bike and Pedestrian Council, Community Advisory Council and Rural Advisory Council
  - 12 Public and Stakeholder Meetings
  - Client/Rider transportation needs survey was available online and by phone, paper, and in-person: 150 respondents
  - Provider/Stakeholder survey online: 65 respondents



# BACKGROUND

- From feedback created Goals for the Future and Strategies for Implementation

## GOALS for the FUTURE

Improve and expand transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities

**1**

Improve accessibility, affordability, and quality of transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities

**2**

Improve coordination of transportation services and resources

**3**

Increase awareness of transportation issues and resources

**4**





# BACKGROUND

- **Final Draft Plan Structure**
  - i) Executive Summary
  - 1) Introduction
  - 2) Study Area & Target Populations
  - 3) Available Transportation Services
  - 4) Assessment of Needs
  - 5) Goals & Strategies



# FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **NOACA is the designated recipient of FTA Section 5310 program funds for Cleveland UZA**
- **Currently NOACA directs:**
  - At least 60% to transit agencies
  - Up to 40% to other specialized transportation providers
- **NOACA will use the Coordinated Plan as:**
  - Evaluation tool to prioritize funding Section 5310
    - Guided by current and future regional needs.



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# CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

NOACA Board of Directors approved *Mobilize: Accessibility for Independence* as the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio for the years 2019-2022

- *Mobilize:*
  - Meets requirement set by FTA
  - Evaluation tool for prioritizing Section 5310 project funding
  - Action plan and integrate adopted goals and strategies into NOACA's work plan





NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

